

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	May 9, 2005
Prepared By	Cynthia Creamer Chief of Police
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution for 2004 Police Officer of the Year in conjunction with Proclamation observing "Police Week" (May 15-21).
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Takoma Park Police Department will hold its awards ceremony May 19 honoring all police employees, but especially the 2004 Officer of the Year and other award recipients * A Police Department Awards Committee reviewed numerous requests for commendation and selected Det/Sgt. Richard Poole as its choice for Police Officer of the Year for 2004, based on his excellent closure rate, demonstrated commitment, and performance of supervisory duties while carrying a normal investigative caseload. * The U.S. Congress and President have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week. Both are respected by Takoma Park Police officers, who play an essential role in safeguarding the City's residents. * On May 13, Takoma Park Police will participate in ceremonies dedicating a City park, the Toatley-Fraser Park on Eastridge Avenue, in memory of a Maryland State Police colleague who was killed on duty investigating drug crime in and around the City.
Policy	The City Council recognizes the Officer of the Year.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Proposed Resolution recognizing Det/Sgt. Richard Poole as 2004 Officer of the Year Proposed Proclamation for Police Week
Recommendation	Council to review and adopt the resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Resolution 2005-xx

Police Officer of the Year 2004

Det/Sgt. Richard M. Poole

- Whereas, Det.Sgt. Richard M. Poole was selected Police Officer of the Year 2004 because of his dedication to duty and his highly significant accomplishments and contributions throughout the year; AND
- Whereas, He is recognized for consistent and superior performance of his duties as an investigator, attaining a closure rate of 41.4 percent on a caseload of 123 investigations; AND
- Whereas, Det. Richard Poole affected 31 arrests on charges of child abuse and burglary to armed robbery and car jacking ; AND
- Whereas, He maintained his investigative success even after appointment as the Acting Sergeant of Criminal Investigations with supervisory responsibilities, which he performed successfully ; AND
- Whereas, He maintained effective consultative relationships with colleagues in surrounding law enforcement agencies, which brings positive recognition to this Department; AND
- Whereas, Det. Richard Poole consistently demonstrates professionalism and commitment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City and Council, staff and residents of the City of Takoma Park, do hereby commend and thank Det/Cpl Richard Poole, offering a Savings Bond, in recognition of his many accomplishments and high devotion to duty.

Adopted this 9th day of May 2005.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter
Acting City Clerk

Proclamation Commemorating PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

- WHEREAS, The United States Congress and President have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and
- WHEREAS, The members of the Takoma Park Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City's residents; and
- WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency; and
- WHEREAS, Members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and
- WHEREAS, On May 13, Takoma Park Police will be part of ceremonies dedicating a City park, the Toatley-Fraser Park on Eastridge Avenue, in memory of a Maryland State Police colleague who was killed on duty investigating drug crime in and around the City; and
- WHEREAS, The men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Takoma Park unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHY PORTER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, call upon all citizens of Takoma Park and upon all civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15 - 21, 2005, as Police Week with appropriate observances in which all of our residents may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all residents and community members of Takoma Park to observe May 15, 2005, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Takoma Park to be affixed.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter
Acting City Clerk